

DER "Road Shows" and Regulatory Education

Removing Barriers, One City at a Time



The DE "Road Show"

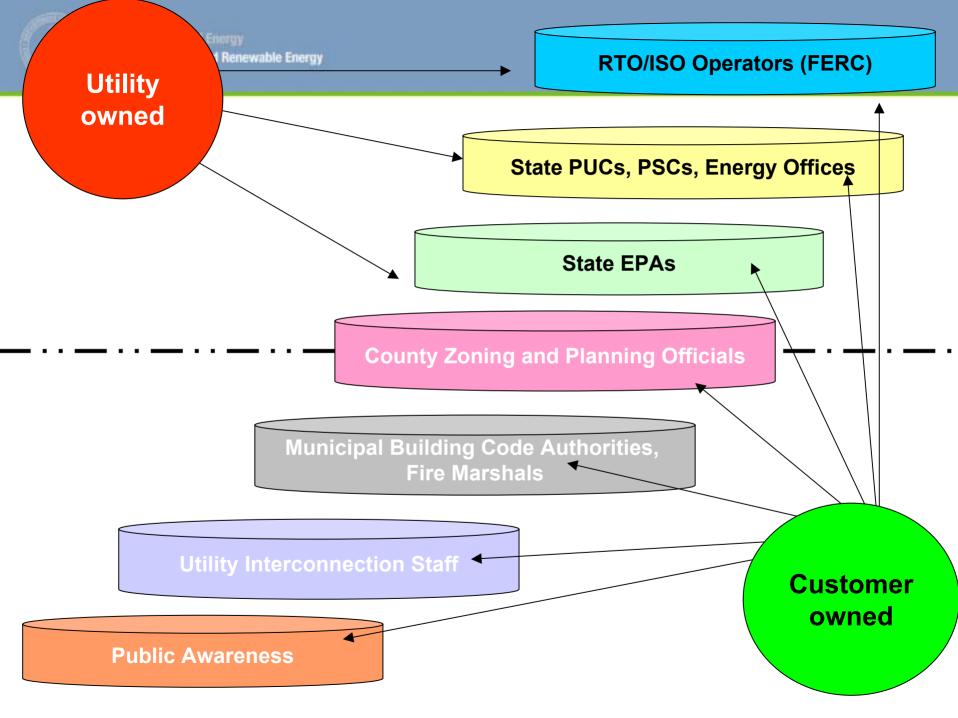
- 1. A full-day training for LOCAL regulators (building & fire safety inspectors, city/county planners, local air quality regulators
- 2. Technologies are chosen by the LOCAL participants, NOT DOE personnel or third-party hosts (i.e., utilities, energy companies)
- 3. Purpose: to introduce LOCAL regulators to new technologies/fuels/applications they will someday be asked to permit for installation & operation, and ascertain what follow-on information, educational tools, and training forums they find most useful.
- 4. All Q&A, comments are recorded throughout the day, shared with participating companies and used for developing next-generation materials.

Most Common Road Show Question from Within the DE Complex:

"Why aim for the LOCAL regulators first?"

"And why building code, or fire inspectors?"

("They're so boring.")



Road Show Discussion Points

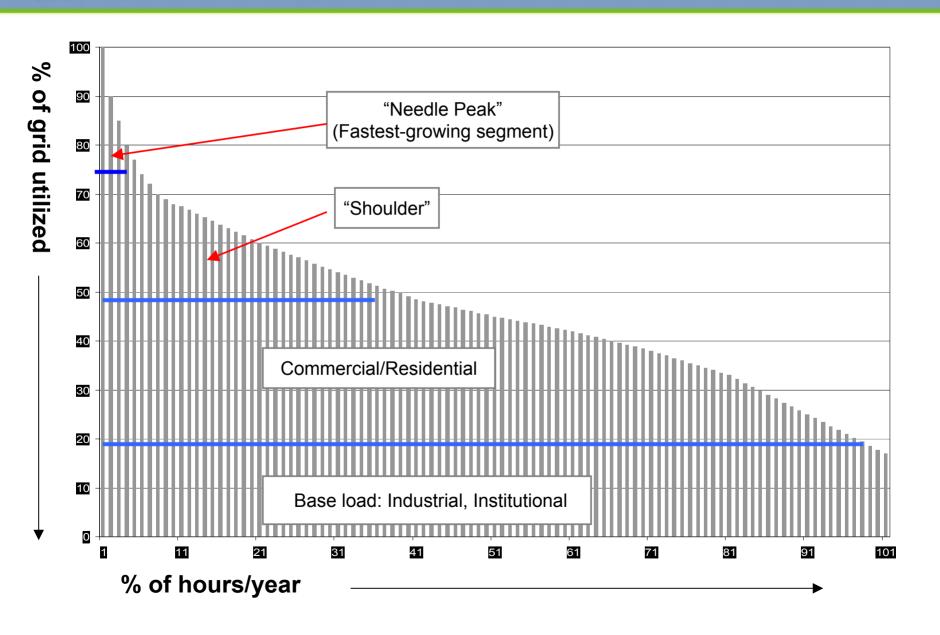
- 1. Why we (federal government) are here
- 2. Why you (local government) are here
- 3. What's coming (tech/business).....
- 4. Your role is in this change
- 5. What additional tools you need to make this transition

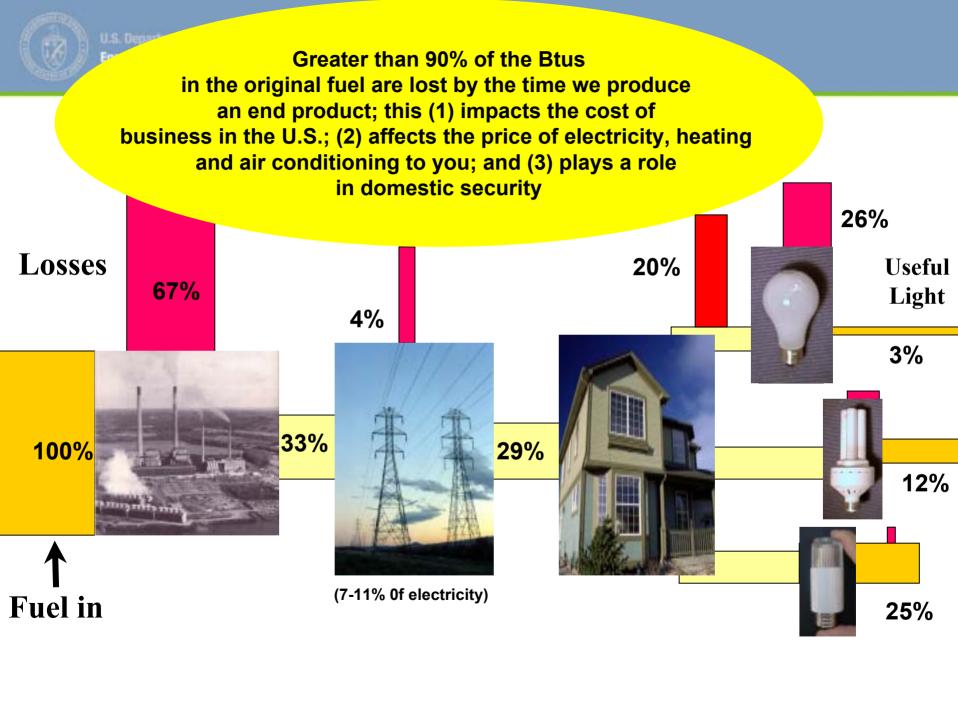
Electricity Regulation Post-1929

"We need a utility system that..."

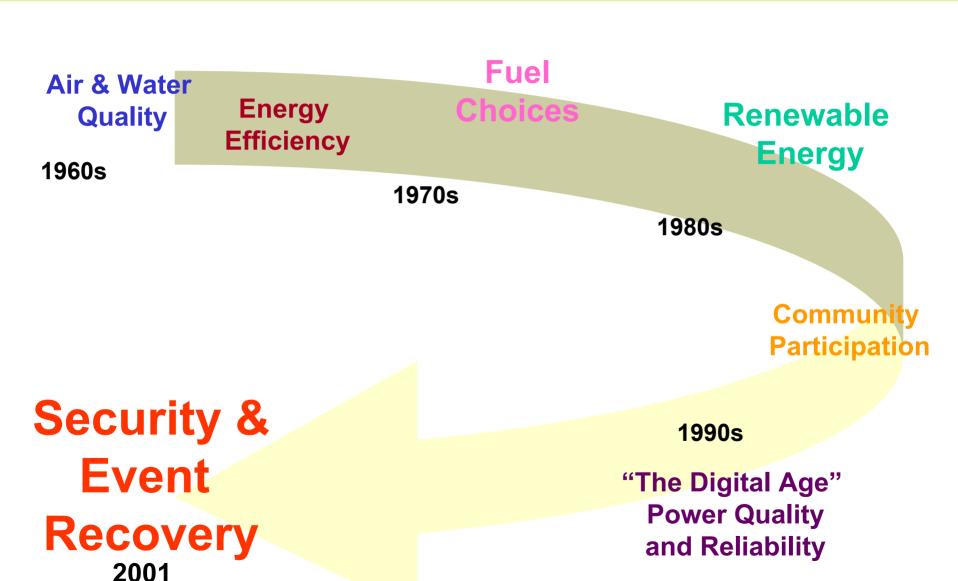
- Provides universal access (rural customers and small towns must not be left out)
- Operates at a minimum level of reliability (can't have whole communities without power for weeks or months)
- Operates at an acceptable cost (utilities allowed to spread costs across all customers for 30-year periods)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Load Duration Curve (annualized)





Over time, new values emerged



The Federal Role

The DOE does not REGULATE energy (your state utility commission does that); it furthers the Administration's goals by:

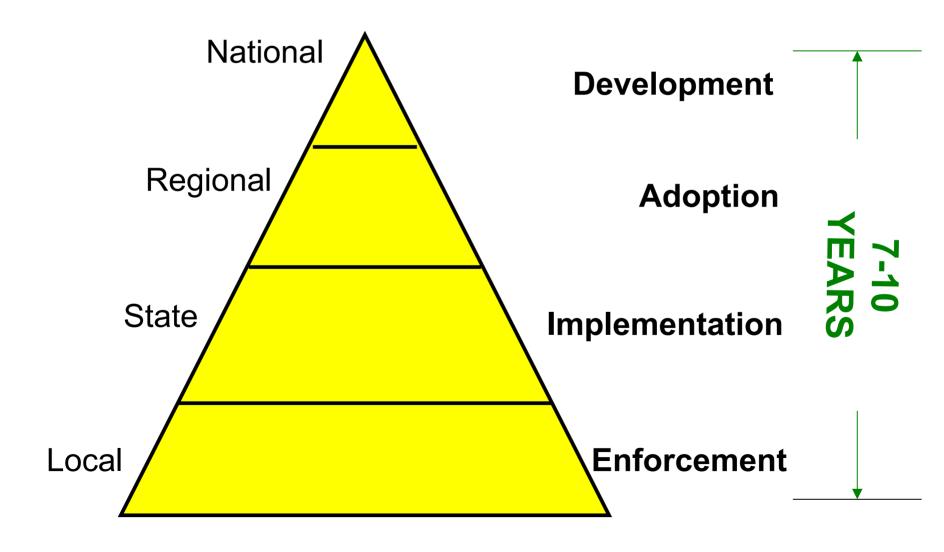
- ✓ Long-term R&D programs
- Technical and economic analyses, public and regulatory education programs

And at the end of the R&D program...



...we hope it finds a market

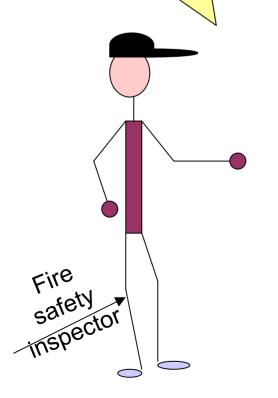
From National Standards to Local Building Codes

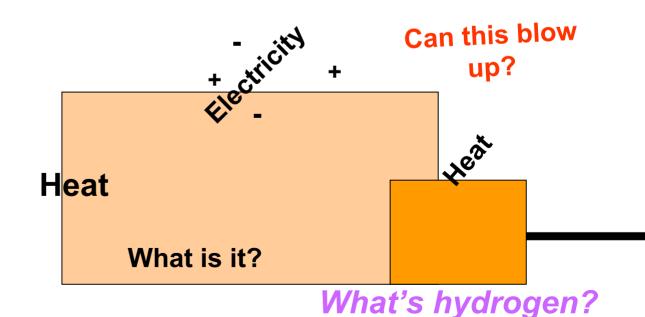


Meanwhile...

"Am I on camera?.... Is this one of those hidden camera shows?"

Actual fuel cell permitting experience (location omitted)





So.....

ASK QUESTIONS

Ask questions ask questions ask questions ask

Road Show Topics

Technologies

- Microturbines
- Advanced Recip Engines
- Sterling Engines
- PV/Solar
- Wind
- Fuel Cells

Fuels

- Hydrogen
- Methanol
- Biomass

Applications

- CHP
- Peak Shaving/Peak Sharing
- Off-Grid
- Grid Parallel (Electrical Interconnection)

Local/State Issues

- PUC
- State EPA/DEQ

Host organization chooses topics

To-date.....

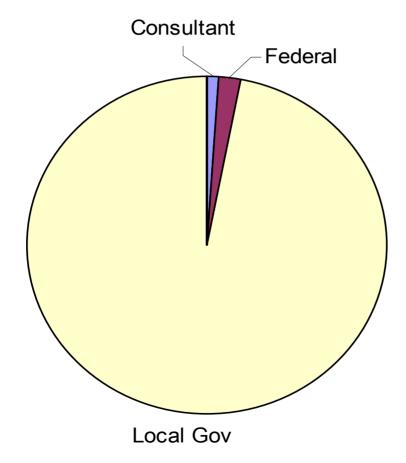
- 35 Road Shows completed (including Alaska)
- Over 2,000 attendees
- 60 participants/show (average)

Only 115 to go......

Road Show Lesson #1

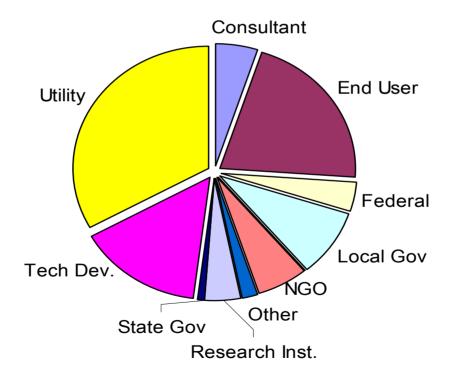


Sturbridge, Massachusetts (94 attendees)



Host: Massachusetts Building Commissioners and Inspectors Assn.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (100 Attendees)



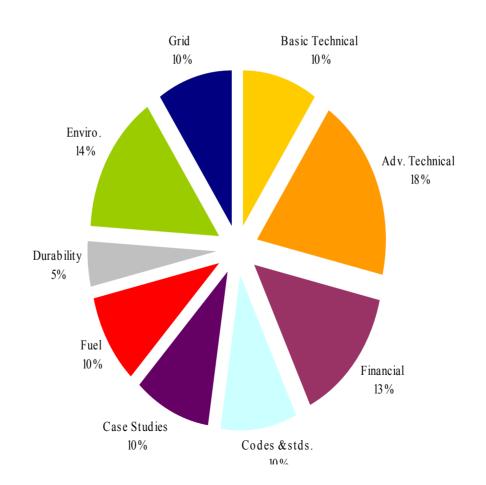
Host: WE Energies & City of Milwaukee

Road Show Lesson #2

ASSUME NOTHING....

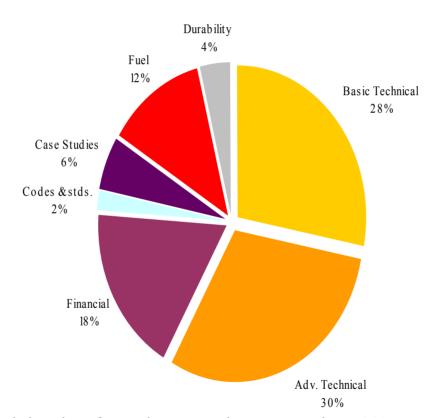
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Road Show Q&A: Combined Heat and Power



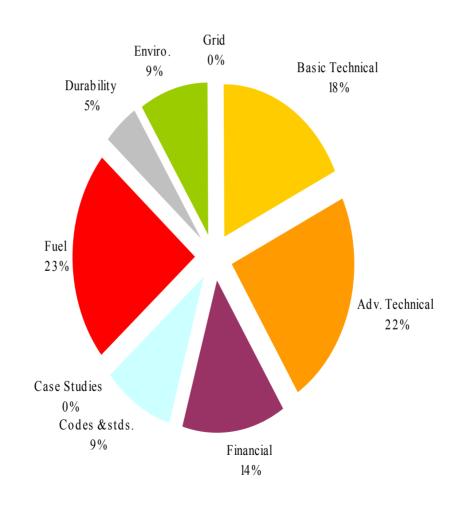
"What is it?"

Road Show Q&A: Microturbines



"Is this like some kind of turbo racing engine?" "I've heard....."

Road Show Q&A: Reciprocating Engines



What's Next.....

- Databases attendees, speakers, follow-on workshops, etc.
- Incubator Project (Neil Rossmeissl)
 - Northeast states, statewide training & materials
- State Education/Outreach
 - tariffs, standby & backup rates, emissions regulation, statewide electrical interconnection stds.

Replication/Acceleration
Train-the-Trainer

Most common participant question:

"When can we do this again?"

http://www.eere.energy.gov/der/roadshow.html

THANK YOU

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